

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Original) A goods/services requisition and supply system, comprising a computer system, ordering means for generating an order for a goods/services item in response to operation of the computer system by a user, and a vending device connected to the computer system and including storage means for storing goods, the vending device being arranged to be responsive to the ordering means generating an order for an item available in the storage means to provide the item to the user.

Claim 2 (Original) A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the ordering means is arranged to determine whether an ordered item is available in the storage means or is available from a remote supply location, and if the item is only available from the remote supply location is arranged to generate an order for transmission to a remote supplier.

Claim 3 (Previously presented) A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the ordering means is arranged to monitor stock levels of items in the vending device and a remote supplier can ascertain the stock level from the ordering means, whereby to enable the supplier to maintain the stock of the vending device.

Claim 4 (Previously presented) A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the ordering means is resident on the computer system and the vending device operates as a peripheral controlled by the computer system.

Claim 5 (Previously presented) A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the computer system is a proprietary computer system, such as LAN, Intranet or Enterprise system.

Claim 6 (Previously presented) A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the vending device is arranged to receive articles for recycling and the ordering means is arranged to track items being placed in the vending device for recycling and advise the remote supplier.

Claim 7 (Previously presented) A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the system includes means for enabling remote payment for items ordered by a user.

Claim 8 (Previously presented) A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the vending device includes sensor means arranged to sense when an item is dispensed.

Claim 9 (Previously presented) A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the vending device is arranged to dispense the item on receipt of an identification means from the user.

Claim 10 (Original) A system in accordance with claim 9, wherein the ordering means, on an item being ordered by the user, is arranged to provide an identification code to the user, which code is entered by the user at the vending device to obtain the item.

Claim 11 (Original) A system in accordance with claim 10, wherein the ordering means is also arranged to provide the identification code to a supplier responsible for providing the vended item, wherein the identification code can be used in an audit trail for the supplied goods/services.

Claim 12 (Previously presented) A system in accordance with claim 7, wherein the vending device includes a key pad arranged to operate in a secure mode for entering data required for remote payment and in a non-secure mode for entry of other data.

Claims 13-15 (Canceled)

Claim 16 (Original) A computer system, including ordering means for generating an order for a goods/services item in response to operation of the computer system, the ordering means including means for determining whether a local vending device stores a goods/services item and, in response to the determination generating an order for the item to be dispensed from the local vending device.

Claim 17 (Original) A computer system in accordance with claim 16, wherein if the ordering means determines that the item is not available at the local vending device, it is arranged to generate an order for the item to be provided from a remote supplier.

Claim 18 (Previously presented) A computer in accordance with claim 16, wherein the ordering means includes means for controlling the operation of the vending device as a peripheral of the computer system.

Claims 19-23 (Canceled)

Claim 24 (Original) A goods/service requisition and supply system, comprising a computer system, ordering means for generating an order for a goods/services item in response to operation of the computer system by a user, and a vending device connected to a network that allows the computer system to communicate with the vending device, the vending device including a storage means for storing goods, and input means enabling the vending device to determine that a user of the vending device is approved to collect goods.